

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Initially, Applicants would like to thank Examiner Harlan for the courteous and helpful Interview conducted December 17, 2008, which materially advanced prosecution in this case. During the Interview, Applicants agreed to cancel all non-process claims, and the Examiner indicated that the pending process claims would be allowed pending an updated search.

In accordance with the Interview, Applicants have canceled non-process claims 1-7 and 17-20.

Applicants have also added new process claims 21-23 requiring the presence of more specific solvent than claim 8 (that is, these three claims provide that the solvent is selected from only two/three of the four identified solvents in claim 8).

Thus, only process claims 8-16 and 21-23 are currently pending in the application.

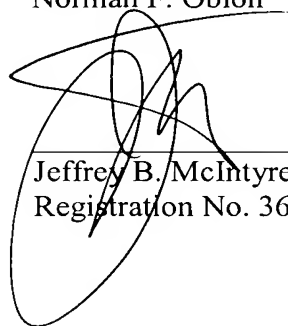
In view of the above amendments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 based upon EP 552,876 (“Holy”).

Application No. 10/540,265  
Response to Office Action dated September 22, 2008

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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